

## TRUCK GARDENER APPEALS TO SENATE

Lost Money on Vegetables for Government.

### PRICE WENT UP TOO FAST

Had to Feed the Tars According to Contract, and Is Out Cash in Consequence.

George Bauer, vegetable seller, comes to the august Senate praying for relief. His appeal and its indorsements now make a pamphlet of twenty pages, and the end is not in sight.

One is reminded of the young minister, who, receiving his first salary check, carried it to the bank.

"You will have to indorse this," said the paying teller.

Whereupon the young divine, rather puzzled, took the check and wrote across the face of it:

"I respectfully subscribe to all the sentiments herein expressed."

### Simple Truck Gardener.

Mr. Bauer dwells in peace with his kinks and lettuce in the prosperous little town of Warrington, Fla. The simple life of a truck gardener has blunted his mind for the exact niceties of Government contracts.

It occurred to him in his simplicity that it would be a desirable thing to sustain and strengthen the naval forces of the United States by furnishing fresh vegetables to the crews of such warships as might come to the Pensacola navy yard. Hence "Senate bill 6717, for the relief of George Bauer."

The eager gardener entered into the negotiations with the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and secured a contract which called for 37,500 pounds, more or less, of vegetables, at 13 cents a pound, but reserved to the Government the right to exact at the same price a greater or a smaller quantity as the needs of the public service might require.

### Prices Go Up.

The diligent Mr. Bauer, to meet official demands made upon him, delivered under this contract 157,045 pounds of vegetables, an excess of 120,545 pounds over the quantity specified. Owing to a rise in prices, the actual cost to him of this excess was 2,596 cents a pound, or 0.396 cents a pound more than the contract price.

Mr. Bauer has come after this difference, which represents his loss. His claim for relief does not appear to be that the executive branch of the Government has the authority to adjust, or upon which he can recover through the courts.

The Navy Department is of the opinion, however, that he is equitably entitled to reimbursement for the loss he suffered, amounting in all to \$221.66, and recommends the enactment of a measure for his relief.

### Knows a Lot Now.

The honest gardener had an instructive course in departmental procedure before he secured this recommendation of the worthiness of his claim.

He made his contract in May, 1903, and in March of the following year wrote to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts requesting "its consideration and advice," because the increase in the price of vegetables, due to the severe winter weather, entailed a heavy loss upon him. The bureau responded impersonally that as there was nothing in the letter to indicate the existence of unusual conditions, it was unable to grant any relief.

Ten days later poor Bauer, like the man in "Wane" who had to feed the elephant hay, telegraphed that he had delivered about three times the quantity of vegetables specified in his contract and desperately declined to make further deliveries. He could not raise vegetables as fast as the men-of-war's men could eat them.

### Entitled to Relief.

The bureau presented a dry recital of the facts to Secretary Morton, who respectfully referred the case to the judge advocate general for consideration. That learned officer respectfully returned it to the department, with his opinion that the busy vegetable grower was clearly entitled to relief.

Mr. Darling, as Acting Secretary, respectfully forwarded the papers to the bureau, asking for a report as to the amount of the claim. The bureau sent it to the commandant of the navy yard at Pensacola, suggesting that Bauer be required to submit his books showing the total quantity of vegetables delivered on account of the contract, the actual cost of the vegetables furnished, and the market prices prevailing at the time. The commandant of the navy yard turned over the responsibility to the general storekeeper, and to that minor functionary Mr. Bauer dutifully made report, showing to the fourth decimal the cost and prevailing prices of potatoes, cabbages, onions, and "assorted vegetables." He prepared statistical tables showing the quantities delivered during each month, and to each vessel, and a schedule from produce dealers giving market prices.

With a humble and contrite heart Mr. Bauer now beseeches the outer portals of the Treasury for the return of \$221.66, representing his loss appearing the magnificent appetite of "the greatest navy on earth."

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## GIBBONS SUFFERING FROM FEEBLE HEALTH

Chapel Erected in Yard of His Brother at New Orleans to Avoid Necessity of Going to Churches.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 18.—Owing to the feeble health of Cardinal Gibbons every precaution is being taken to guard him against fatigue. The cardinal has just completed several months' hard work. He is almost exhausted and will probably not leave his brother's house during the ten days he remains here.

In order that Cardinal Gibbons may meet the Catholic clergy of this State without further fatigue, a chapel, elaborately decorated, has been erected in the front yard of his brother's home, where the head of the Catholic Church of America will say mass every morning during his stay. It is not likely that he will be able to visit any of the churches in the city.

Cardinal Gibbons came to visit his brother, John T. Gibbons. He was accompanied by five clergymen and expects to remain in New Orleans about ten days.

## ESCAPES FROM PRISON TO VISIT HIS BRIDE

Blacksmith's Apprentice Picks Locks and Makes Way to Liberty—He Is Caught Hiding in Basement of Tenement House.

EDINBURGH, Feb. 18.—An escape from prison, in which the element of romance plays as conspicuous a part as that of daring, is reported from Forfarshire.

George Petrie, a blacksmith's apprentice, belonging to Montrose, was married last month, but, unluckily, was charged last week with theft and committed to Forfar county jail. Before retiring on Thursday night the keeper, among other duties, visited Petrie in his cell. He found everything was right, but later the attendant was startled to discover that his bird had flown.

Petrie pined for the joys of his home life and determined to make an attempt at escape. From the prison kitchen he obtained a piece of iron, and with this his blacksmith art enabled him to pick the lock of the cell door and that of another door. The lock in the reception

## NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

**REVIVAL MEETINGS.**  
A series of revival meetings will be held at the Dumbarton avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, beginning Sunday evening, February 19. Services will be held every night, excepting Saturday, and will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Frank H. Havener, assisted by the deaconess evangelist, Miss Bertha Sanford.

**BISHOP'S VISITATION.**  
The annual visitation of Bishop Henry Y. Satterlee to St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Potomac and O streets northwest, will take place Sunday morning, March 26, at 11 o'clock. The classes now being instructed by the pastor, the Rev. F. H. Howden, are as follows: Boys, Wednesdays at 4 p. m.; girls, Thursdays at 4 p. m., and adults, Thursdays at 8 p. m.

**WILL FILL PULPITS.**  
The Rev. George S. Somerville, of Virginia, will conduct the services tomorrow morning at Christ Episcopal Church, corner Thirtieth and O streets northwest.

**MR. MARBURY'S FUNERAL.**  
The funeral of John Marbury took place this afternoon at 3:30, from St. John's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Frederick B. Howden, pastor, officiated. Interment was made in Oak Hill Cemetery. The following were pallbearers:

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## MIXES THREE POISONS FOR DEATH DRAUGHT

George F. Currie, Despondent Because of the Loss of Employment, Commits Suicide.

Despondent because of loss of employment, George F. Currie, thirty-four years old, ended his life in his room, 1230 Eighth street, yesterday afternoon, by drinking a mixture of cocaine, ipecac, and laudanum.

Francis Donohue, a brother-in-law of Currie, obtained the drugs for him in separate bottles. Currie mixed half the contents of each bottle, and swallowed the fatal draught, while other members of the family were at luncheon. He was discovered in an unconscious condition by his wife.

Dr. Kooner ordered the man taken to the Emergency Hospital after ineffectual efforts to counteract the effects of the poison, but Currie died soon after reaching the institution.

Currie was until recently employed as a waiter at the Southern Hotel. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of suicide. Lack of strict laws governing the sale of poisons in the District, it is said by the police and Coroner, played no unimportant part in the suicide.

## HERE IN BEHALF OF RAIDED CHINESE

The Rev. Frederick Poole, of the Christian League of Philadelphia, is in Washington today for the purpose of aiding in recovering a large amount of property alleged to have been taken from Philadelphia Chinamen in the big raid of the police and United States officers a few days ago.

Dr. Poole called at the Department of Commerce and Labor, but failed to see the Secretary. He is to hold a conference with the Chinese Minister, and later call at the State Department. He has with him a number of affidavits, which, it is said, the Chinese Minister is to present to the State Department.

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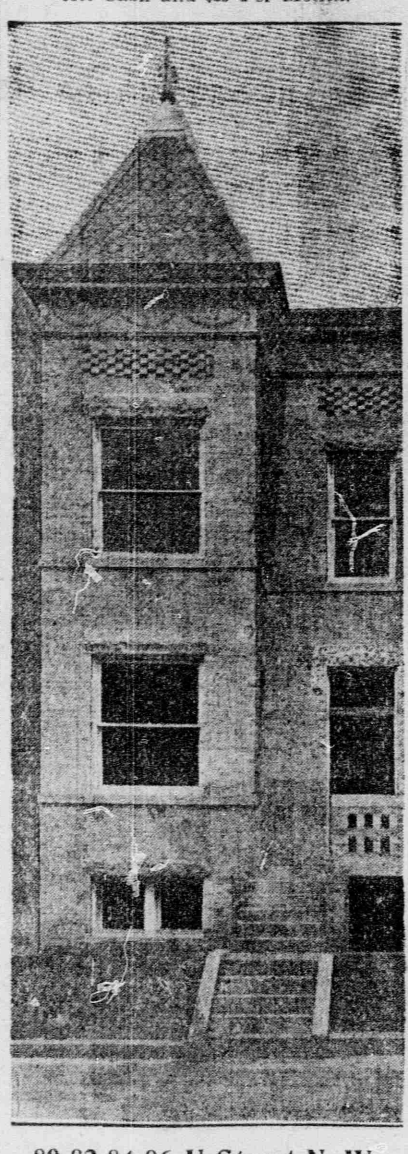
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